Board of Health Minutes November 13, 2006

The meeting opened at 6:00 P.M. with Ms. Meehan, Ms. Day, Ms. Devanney and Ms. Perrault present.

Ms. Ferrari told the Board that Ms. Wolfson; BOH Clerk gave her notice. She said she will stay as long as she can or until a replacement is found. She has taken a job with the Library.

Budgets for F.Y. 2008 are due on December 4th.

Waste Management

Mr. Walzak, General Manager of Allied Waste Systems came before the Board to discuss problems the Town has been experiencing with trash pickup. Our technical assistant, Ms. Hammel who has been monitoring trash pickup for a while noted that the workers are taking bulky items without a sticker affixed to it. They are also taking cardboard and putting it into the trash instead of leaving it for the recycling truck.

Mr. Walzak said that he will give Ms. Hammel an employee's email address so that if and when she sees a problem with pickup, she call or email her immediately. That employee can reach the truck immediately to discuss the problem with them. Mr. Walzak also said that he will fine tune the recycling amount report to include a figure how much tonnage is being disposed of per household.

Mr. Walzak briefly discussed a new automated system that is being proposed for trash pickup. Allied is holding an informational meeting at their facility on Dunstable Road on December 8th and hopes that as many people as possible can attend.

The Board thanked Mr. Walzak for coming in.

Recycling Committee Discussion

Ms. Keohane discussed the Solid Waste Plan and how the Town has received a grant to put one together. Ms. Perrault reminded the Committee that it is the Board of Health's decision, not the Recycling Committee to do this. Ms. Keohane agreed and said that they are offering resources and direction only for the Board. Ms. Keohane said that she will send the final copy of the presentation for the Selectmen tomorrow for all to review.

Ms Day volunteered to prepare a draft for Allied Waste employees to follow of what can and cannot be recycled. She will also send al copy of the Recycling Bylaw to Allied for their records.

Ms. Hamell will keep a monthly report of problems and send to Allied and BOH.

The Committee asked the Board Members whether they would send a letter supporting placement of a dumpster; the location to be determined at a later date, for the disposal of cardboard. The Board agreed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.